Half-day tour | Around Athens: Vineyards on the trails of Classical Greece

available every Tuesday – price: € 89

Ancient Greeks believed that wine was a gift from the gods. They worshiped Dionysus, a creature with the mind of man and the instincts of a beast, as god of wine. The history of wine is believed to have been introduced in Greece around 4000 BC, during Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations, and ancient Greeks used to drink wine to praise the gods and expand their mind. During this day trip we learn about the Greek wine culture from ancient times until today at the Museum of Wine, and taste exquisite wines from the district of eastern Attica, which is considered the oldest and largest wine producing region in Greece.

We also visit the Amphiareion sanctuary in Oropos, devoted to the worship of Amphiaraos, one of the most prominent Greek heroes. He was thought to be the “Second Asclepius” and he had many sanctuaries around Greece of which the most well known is the Amphiareion of Oropos, near Athens.

Tour highlights

- Short bus tour around the main sights of the city of Athens
- Explore the Archaeological site of Amphiareion
- Learn about the wine making in antiquity by visiting a wine museum
- Taste ambassador wines by visiting a distinctive vineyard

Itinerary

We start our day from central Athens with a short bus tour around the main sights of the city of Athens: the Syntagma square and the Greek Parliament, the three impressive buildings of the Neoclassical Athenian Trilogy: the Academy, the University and the National Library, the Omonoia square and the beautiful building of the National Theatre. We continue the tour heading north-east until we reach the magical archaeological site of Amphiareion where we learn about the secrets of the cult of Amphiaraos. Our next stop is the estate Domaine Costa Lazaridi in Kapandriti where we have a guided tour at the wine museum and have a wine-tasting experience.

Useful information

Tour duration
5.5 hours approx.

Languages
English. Other languages upon request.

Starting time
every Tuesday @ 09.15 a.m.

Meeting point
6 Filellinon Street, Syntagma Square or we can pick you up from your hotel if it is in central Athens
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(Number of participants in the tour: 6-18 people)

*special rates for children:
  - For children 1-3 years old, who don't need an extra seat in the mini van, the tour is free of charge.
  - For children 4-12 years old there is a discount of 50% on the price of the tour.

What is included:
  - Private vehicle throughout the tour
  - Experienced tour leader
  - Wine-tasting experience
  - Information material
  - Liability Insurance
  - All applicable taxes

What is not included:
  - Personal expenses
  - Entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites
  - Tour guide for the archaeological site (available upon request with extra charge)
  - Food, drinks and beverages if not mentioned above
  - Tips

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